

## City of Scottsdale Environmental Quality Advisory Board Water Advisory Committee

7:00 am, September 18th, 2007 City of Scottsdale Water Resources Administration Building 9388 E. San Salvador Drive

## MINUTES APPROVED OCTOBER 16, 2007

Attending: Bill Gill, Chair

Brian Munson Don Manthe

Staff: Beth Miller, Water Resources Advisor

Marshall Brown, Water Resources Planning and Engineering Director

Christina Klien, Water Conservation Coordinator

## Agenda:

Chairman Gill called the meeting to order at 7:13 am.

1. Approval of minutes of July 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Minutes were approved as written.

2. Reclaimed water reuse and salinity update.

Marshall Brown reported the City was still reviewing the golf course proposal. He suggested that a more detailed discussion take place at the October meeting. The committee agreed.

3. Proposed sewer ordinance revisions – discussion and consideration of possible recommendation to EQAB.

Mr. Brown presented the City's proposed amendments to its sewer extension policy and ordinance. Current policy requires homeowners currently on septic systems to connect to a sewer line when they remodel their homes, if the home is within 660 feet of a sewer line. They must pay the entire cost of the line up front, even though it may cross in front of someone else's property, and then collect the extra costs from their neighbors. The proposed change in the ordinance would put a mechanism in place where the City would reimburse the homeowner for the cost of crossing the other properties, and would collect the funds from the other homeowners at a later time. Mr. Brown reported that the City Council would be taking action on the ordinance on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The committee discussed the merits of the ordinance revisions, and decided to recommend to the full EQAB that they submit comments to the City Council supporting adoption of the proposed ordinance.

4. Status of achievement of safe yield goal for 2007.

Beth Miller reported that the City was on track to achieving safe-yield (a balance between groundwater pumping and recharge) in 2007. As of the end of August, groundwater pumping was below safe-yield levels.

5. Report on Valley Forward Environmental Excellence Award application for City's aquifer sustainability program.

Ms. Miller reported that the City's application to the Valley Forward Environmental Excellence Awards program for its aquifer sustainability program had been named a finalist for the Crescordia award. She distributed a copy of the application, and noted that the awards ceremony was Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>.

6. Introduction of new water conservation coordinator, Christina Klien.

The new water conservation coordinator, Christina Klien, introduced herself and described her educational and employment background. She had previously been the water conservation coordinator for the city of Peoria. The committee welcomed Ms. Klien to the City.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:01 am.